21. National Institute of Communicable Disease, Delhi.
22. National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bangalore.
23. Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi.
24. Central Research Institute, Kasauli.
25. Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.
26. Central Health Education Board, New Delhi.
27. All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata.
28. National Medical Library, New Delhi.
29. National Tuberculosis Institute, Bangalore.

Conversion of Centres of ISM into National Institutes

3060. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up one Centre in each Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy as national institute;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the high powered advisory group has made any recommendations in this regard;

(d) if so, the other recommendations made by the Group for main-streaming ISMH; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government have already set up the National Institute of Ayurveda at Jaipur, National Institute of Homoeopathy at Calcutta, National Institute of Naturopathy at Pune and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga at New Delhi. National Institute of Siddha is proposed to be set up at Chennai. The National Institute of Unani Medicine is under construction at Bangalore.

(c) to (e) There are different advisory groups which are working

in the area of mainstreaming Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy *inter-alia* covering the areas of education, research, clinical practice, medicinal plants and drug standardisation. Recommendations which are received from time to time are examined and implemented where feasible.

Mercy killing of people

3061. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the views of Government in regard to mercy killing of the terminally ill people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): In India, mercy killing of terminally ill people is not permitted yet, even if on life support stage.

Patenting of Argapyrin

†3062. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have patented Agrapyrin, the Ayurvedic medicine, which is prepared with garlic and onion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

NOCs to Medical and Dental Colleges

3063. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which States have given No Objection Certificates to various institutions to start Medical and Dental Colleges in the country from 2001 onwards;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.